Child Development Associate Certificate

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What is the CDA Program at the CUNY School of Professional Studies?

- Offered in partnership with the NY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute (PDI): http://www.earlychildhoodny.org/.

- Consists of 4 courses (3 credits each) for a total of 12 undergraduate college credits:
  - EDUC 200 Child Development Birth to 5 Years
  - EDUC 201 Observing & Recording the Development of the Young Child
  - EDUC 202 Integrated Curriculum & Learning Environments
  - EDUC 203 Family, Program, and Professional Dynamics

About the CDA Credential

- Our courses fulfill the 120 hour formal coursework requirement necessary for the CDA Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition: www.cdacouncil.org

- The CDA is:
  - The foundation of an early childhood educator's career path.
  - The most widely recognized national credential in early childhood education.
  - Based on a core set of Competency Standards.

- Graduates of our program receive 12 undergraduate college credits and preparation to attain the national CDA Credential.

- Receipt of this credential can help graduates on the path towards achieving a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Why the CDA?

- Addresses the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to effectively work in environments serving young children birth to 5 and their families. That includes:

  - Family child care providers

  - Head Start Programs (Federal requirement as of September 2013)

  - Universal Pre-K classrooms

  - Child care centers, and

  - Private nursery schools

Why the CDA at CUNY SPS

Child Development Associate CDA

- **Credential Preparation is offered by the CUNY School of Professional Studies**
- Advisement and support provided throughout process
- EIP and QualityStars approved
- Meets OCFS and DOH training topic areas
- Classes offered evenings and weekends

Child Development Associate Certificate

- Upon completion of the CUNY SPS program, students will obtain 12 undergraduate credits in early childhood & the Child Development Associate Certificate from CUNY SPS
- Students will have credentials and college credits to be employed in the early childhood field

Associates Degree Transfer Partners

- Credits earned in the Certificate program can be transferred toward an Associates degree
- CUNY SPS has articulation agreements with HOSTOS, BMCC and Kingsborough; but transfer is not limited to these schools

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CUNY SPS Support and Resources

- Writing Fellows and Tutors

- Field Placement and Advisement

- Portfolio Development and Review

- CDA Application and Exam support

- Open Lab with Printers

- Career Advisement

CDA Designations

- **Infant/Toddler** – Birth – 36 Months

- **Preschool** – 3 – 5 years

- **Family Child Care** -Birth to 5 years

- **Home Visitor –** Birth to 5 years

- **Bilingual Infant/Toddler** – Birth – 36 Months

- **Bilingual Preschool** – 3 - 5 years

- **Bilingual Home Visitor** – 3 – 5 years

Fieldwork Requirement

- Requires 480 hours of experience working with children in group care (120 hours per course).
- For the Infant/Toddler CDA endorsement, students must obtain their 480 hours within the following breakdown:
    - Hours with young infants (birth – 8 months)
    - Hours with mobile infants/toddlers (9 months – 17 months)
    - Hours with twos (18 months – 36 months)

- For the Preschool CDA endorsement, students must obtain their 480 hours working with children within the following breakdown:
    - Hours with three-year-olds
    - Hours with four-year-olds
    - Hours with five-year-olds

- Home Visitor must obtain hours within the home of their clients, providing visits to children birth to five.

- For the Bilingual CDA endorsement, students must obtain their 480 hours working with children in a bilingual setting.

Fieldwork Requirement
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- Hours can be conducted at:
  - Current place of employment (licensed family child care home or licensed child care center)
  - Placement made by instructor if you are not currently working at a licensed center or home

- You will need a medical exam with proof of current immunizations

- Fingerprint clearance must be obtained, either DOI or DOE depending on your placement, and SCR clearance before you can begin your fieldwork placement

Expectations of
Students Regarding Coursework

Course Participation

- No more than 3 sessions may be missed per course

Professional Portfolio work:

- Collection of Resources

- Competency Statements

Applying to the CDA Program at the CUNY School of Professional Studies

Admissions Requirements:

- Complete an online application and pay a $70 application fee
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and hold a high school diploma or equivalent
- Submit proof of a high school diploma or GED
  - International Transcripts: https://sps.cuny.edu/internationalapp
- A personal statement

  Applications for the spring 2019 term are due by **January 10, 2019**
  - https://sps.cuny.edu/admissions/certificate-admission

Registering for Courses at the
CUNY School of Professional Studies

- Students are provided with registration information after they apply and have been admitted into the CDA program at CUNY SPS.

- New students may register for spring 2019 CDA classes via CUNYFirst.

- New students must also return immunization paperwork: http://sps.cuny.edu/immunization

- Because we provide students with comprehensive supports that are built into the program, we are unable to accept coursework taken outside of our program.

Spring 2019 Course Schedule

Course	Section	Day/Time	Dates
EDUC 200	1	Saturday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	September 7, 2019– December 14, 2019
EDUC 200	2	Tuesday 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	August 27, 2019 – December 10, 2019
EDUC 201	1	Saturday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	September 7, 2019– December 14, 2019
EDUC 201	2	Tuesday 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	August 27, 2019 – December 10, 2019

Tuition and Tuition Assistance

Spring 2019 Tuition & Fees:
- One Course: $987.50
- Two Courses: $1872.50

- Funding may be available through the Educational Incentive Program to support tuition expenses.

- EIP Application Process:
  - Complete the online web application: http://ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/eip.shtm
    - Obtain application instructions from SPS prior to completing application
  - Submit the following:
    - Most recent federal income tax return (form 1040)
    - Employment verification

Contact Information

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